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1. I DISCUSSED ON THURSDAY WITH DR. AL-TURKI THE
POSSIBILITY OF TED ROSEN'S REPLACING DR. KLETTE AS SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY MONITOR. THIS DISCUSSION WAS NOT IN TERMS
OF SECURING MANSOOR'S CLEARANCE BUT TO KEEP HIM INFORMED.
AL-TURKI'S OFFHAND REACTION WAS THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE
TO HAPA SOMEONE
WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE FIELD OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SO THAT THERE COULD BE EFFECTIVE
MONITORING OF THE SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENTS OF THE WORK. HE
MENTIONED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOMEONE
WHO KNEW SOMETHING ABOUT STATISTICS AND ADP TO HELP OVER-
SEE THE CENSUS PROJECT. MANSOOR ALSO SAID THAT HE FELT
ROSEN WOULD BE AN IDEAL CANDIDATE AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT OR
PROGRAM ASSISTANT AND HE WOULD CERTAINLY BE WELCOMED BY
THE SAUDIS IN ANY SUCH CAPACITY.

2. UPON REFLECTION, I AM INCLINED TO AGREE WITH
DR. AL-TURKI'S ASSESSMENT. WE TALKED ABOUT THE STRENGTHS
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THAT ARE BROUGHT TO THE PROGRAM BY MONITORS SUCH AS
STURT AND DAVIS WITH THEIR CONSIDERABLE KNOWLEDGE IN
THEIR FIELDS, AND I BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE THAT WE HAVE
SIMILAR TYPE EXPERTISE IN THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
AREA. I WOULD, HOWEVER, VERY MUCH WELCOME ROSEN HERE
IN SOME CAPACITY. I BELIEVE HE IS AN ARTICULATE, IN-
TELLIGENT AND VERY WELL ORGANIZED YOUNG MAN AND I

BELIEVE HE WOULD BE AN ASSET TO THE JOINT COMMISSION PROGRAM. DR. AL-TURKI NOTED THAT AL-AMILLE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO BE WORKING WITH ROSEN. AL-TURKI IS UNDOUBTEDLY RIGHT THAT TED WOULD FIT MUCH MORE APTLY INTO A PROGRAM ASSISTANT TYPE POSITION THAN IN THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MONITOR SLOT. I HOPE THAT IN DUE COURSE IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO WORK SOMETHING OUT ALONG THOSE LINES AND WILL WELCOME ANY THOUGHTS YOU HAVE ON THIS. IN THE MEANTIME, I RECOMMEND WE BEGIN INFORMAL SEARCH FOR CANDIDATES TO REPLACE KLETTE.
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